

Beam Reacts to Speedsters



AWAITING SPEEDSTERS—Torrance radar patrol waits at the side of 190th St. with the danger beam (dangerous to violators trying to avoid citations) tracing a 175-foot path.

Officer Explains Police Radar Car

Torrance Police Department's radar unit makes it possible for the patrol to catch approximately 213 speeding violators per month, Don Hartell, radar patrolman, stated recently.

He continued that although the units dispatched, one radar car and three motorcycles, could probably write 350 citations monthly if sent out on separate patrols, the violators cited with the radar are the more serious and difficult to catch.

The radar unit is installed in the left rear side of the car trunk. It is connected to a graph which records all the movements within a zone behind the unit.

As the patrol car is parked on the right side of the road the unit sends a cone-shaped beam on the right side behind it. This beam stretches approximately 175 feet at an angle to cover all autos coming from behind.

Autos Enter Beam
When a group of cars en-

ters this beam, the radar picks up the car in the lead and records its speed. The device can spot only one vehicle at a time. The speed is recorded on a graph in the front of the car.

If the car in the lead is being passed or if it moves out of the zone, the graph records the speed of another auto coming, which is the closest to the unit.

"When a speeding auto is cited, I notify one of the cyclists ahead of me and he stops the car which I designate," the policeman said.

He continued that when the case goes to court the graphs are sent along with a record of the citation as proof of the speeding violation.

Unit Times Flow
"Also, we have used this unit to time the rate of flow of traffic so we can recommend a maximum speed," the officer stated. Lately the radar patrol has been studying the flow on Western Ave. It is through this unit that

new speed zones have been set, he added. "We take in consideration the average speed, the number of accidents, and the type of road in determining whether the area needs limit changes."

Concluding, he said, "It is the purpose of this unit to set the speed limits at the fastest possible rate. We want to be realistic; now cars will be traveling at the fastest safe speed; we will not allow for any speed beyond this limit."

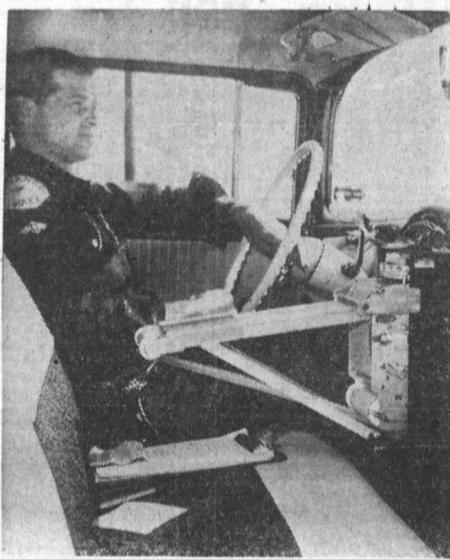
Explanations of the radar, its use and effectiveness are available to civic organizations, the officer mentioned.

Insurance Company Promotes President

Appointment as agent for the South Bay district agency of the Prudential Insurance Company to James W. Cox, Torrance resident, was announced recently by Harvey L. Harms, manager.

Cox, a native of Los Angeles, where he attended school, resides at 3229 W. 179th St.

He and his wife, residents of Torrance for four years, have two children, James and Terry.



DETERMINED TEAM—Don Hartell, radar patrolman, and the speed-recording device combine to spot traffic law violators. At the right of Hartell, graph records the speed of autos approaching from the rear of the radar car.

Parks Department Offers Outings

Trips to famed Knott's Berry Farm and a musical revue at the Greek Theater are planned during the next two weeks by the Torrance Recreation Department.

The journey to Knott's is slated for July 16 and is open to adults and children. The price, \$2 for adults and \$1.75 for children, includes, bus transportation and admission to the amusement center's Birdcage Theatre. The bus leaves at 4 p.m.

Blonde singer Carol Channing will be featured in the revue at the Greek Theatre which a Torrance party will visit July 22. Bus fare and admission will cost \$2.50 or \$3.50, depending on the theatre seating desired.

Reservations can be made at the Recreation Department headquarters, 1511 Cravens Ave., FA 8-4108.

Magazine Article of Harbor Prof Features Family

By Jo Lesnik
Except for Vice-President Richard Nixon, the best known Southern Californian in Russia today may be Dr. Robert V. Bacon, Harbor College admissions coordinator and veterans' counselor.

The reason for Bacon's fame among the Russians is that he and his family are the subjects of a recent article in the magazine "America," published in the Russian language for distribution in the Soviet Union by the

press and publications service of the United States Information Agency in Washington, D.C.

The three-page feature article, illustrated with 15 photographs, shows Bacon, his wife, Helen, and their children, Chris, 9, and Debbie, 7, during a 12-day voyage aboard the liner "Constitution" en route from New York to Greece, where Bacon was a teaching fellow during 1958-59 under the Fulbright Educational Exchange Program.

Neglect Causes Danger to Underground Workers

At least eight California workers lost their lives in the past year from explosions or inhalation of harmful gases in manholes and underground pipes. This was announced today by Thomas N. Saunders, Chief of California's Division of Industrial Safety in emphasizing precautions the Division will insist upon to prevent further tragedies of this nature.

According to Saunders, most of the deaths occurred in new pipelines and new manholes believed by contractors to be quite safe, so that they gave no thought to testing the air either before or during operations.

the commissary, and study in the ship's library, and lounge. The text of the story describes Bacon as representative of the 2,000 Americans who teach or study each year at foreign universities under the Fulbright Program.

The Bacon family was chosen by a photographer for the United States Information Agency on the first day of the voyage; and during the next 10 days several hundred pictures were taken, although the published article used only a fraction of the total number.

"Being camera subjects for all but two days of our first long trip outside the United States made us feel conspicuous," Bacon commented, "but the photographer was a nice person, and we became good friends."

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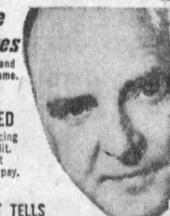
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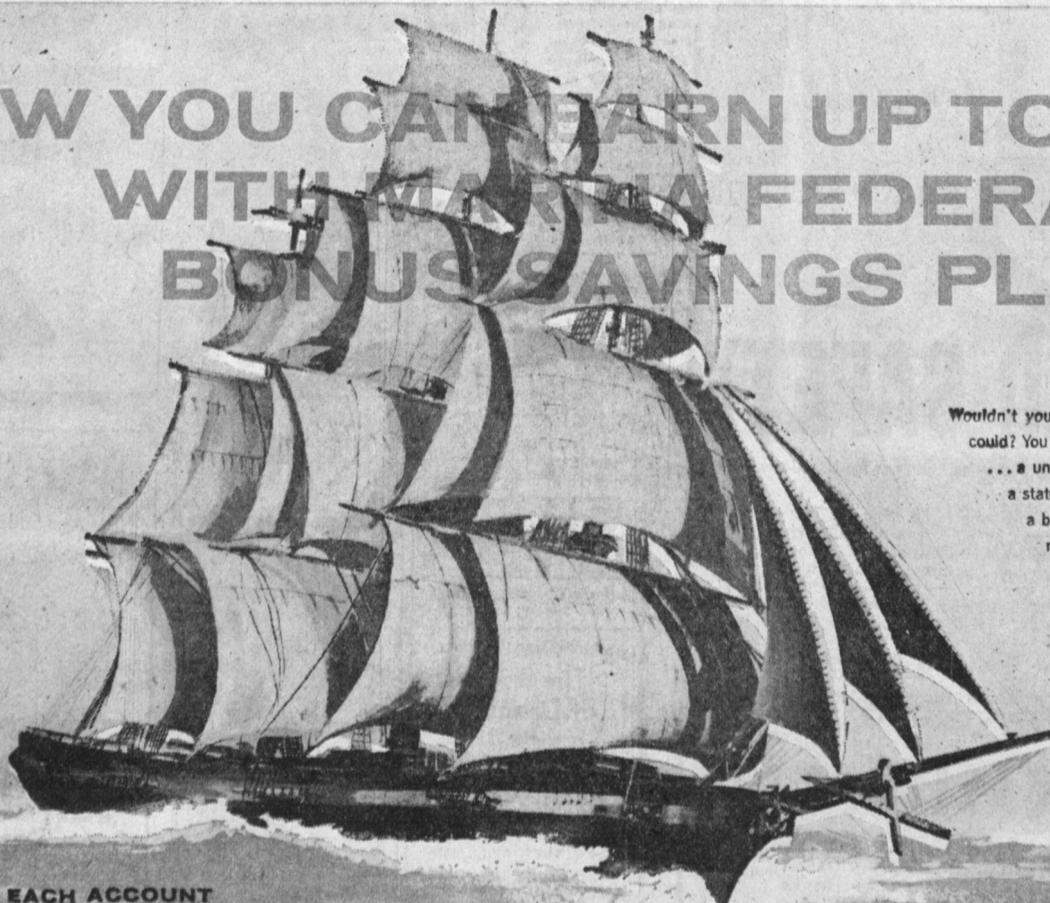


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